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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA DURING PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT
ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1973.

1. ING. BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK, FONSEC OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IN
COMMENTS TO THE PRESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT
MEXICO CITY'S AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 19, REAFFIRMED HIS
NATION'S FRIENDSHIP WITH MEXICO AND STATED THAT BOTH
NATIONS SEEK THE SAME NOBLE, HUMANISTIC GOALS OF PEACE
AND INDEPENDENCE DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN IDEOLOGY. HE
CONTINUED THAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS
BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE HISTORIES.

2. HE ADDED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUPPORTS THE CHARTER OF
THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AND THE IDEAS
CONTAINED IN THE RECENT DISCOURSE OF MEXICAN FOREIGN
SECRETARY RABASA AT THE CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS
IN ALGIERS.

3. HE PRAISED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, WHOM HE SAID HAD
WON THE SYMPATHY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHEN HE OPPOSED THE
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WAR IN INDOCHINA AND SUPPORTED THE NECESSITY FOR PEACE

IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. CHNOUPEK CONTINUED BY REFERRING TO THE REACTION IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE; HE MENTIONED
THAT THERE WERE MASSIVE PROTESTS AGAINST THE BLOODY COUP
D'ETAT.
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